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POWERBALL JACKPOT EXCEEDS \$100 MILLION MARK

BISMARCK - For the first time since early December 2004, the jackpot for the Lottery's Powerball game has crossed the \$100 million mark. The current jackpot is \$129 million.

No one in 27 states, Washington, D.C. or the U.S. Virgin Islands matched five white balls and one red ball to win the jackpot, although 824,219 players, 3,508 of whom played in North Dakota, won a total of more than \$5 million in Saturday's draw.

The next Powerball drawing will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2005.

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